

Remarks

During the prosecution of the parent case U.S. patent application serial no. 10/028,601 filed December 19, 2001, the specification and claims were amended to recite that the optical filter is free of visible light absorbing components. The Applicant submits that no new matter is introduced by amending the specification and the claims in this manner since such compositional limitation is an inherent property of Schott WG320 glass, the glass material employed in the examples as can be determined by routine analysis. During the prosecution of the parent case, a declaration of Dr. Richard M. Fischer Jr., was submitted as further evidence of the inherency of such property.

Respectfully submitted,

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